

SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you, Mr. President and members of the body. Mr. President, I would like to ask if Senator Wehrbein would respond to several questions.

SENATOR HALL: Senator Wehrbein, would you respond to questions.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Yes, Senator Coordsen.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Senator Wehrbein, would you talk to me just a little bit about the development of the budget of the fiscal year that we are currently operating in, more specifically, in putting together this year's budget and the agencies all bring the requests to the Appropriations Committee two years ago, just as they did this year.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Yes, sir.

SENATOR COORDSEN: In all the...and I understand that there are agencies that because of the type of services they provide have to employ temporary employees. Are those...is there an allocation in the budget this year for temporary employees for the various agencies that do use those?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: I do not think there is a line item within...a program within an agency generally. There would be in the Department of Roads and Game and Parks and probably the Department of Revenue where it is a known seasonal issue. Others would probably not have it as a line item but it would have it as it comes up in case of maternity leave, sickness and those kinds of things.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Okay, so you believe that in...when an agency develops a budget request, then in the personnel cost there is an amount based upon historical use, I suppose, for the employment of temporaries to replace sick leave, to replace, whatever the absence, there is a factor in this year's budget that allows for that.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: I would assume in most agencies, as I said, some would face it different where they know they have it, like DOR, Department of Roads, Department of Revenue, other smaller agencies would have a different approach to it. But, yes, they would try to plan for it as best they could.

SENATOR COORDSEN: So in so far as you know, that all of the